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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Communications Security Staff, OC
INFORMATION : Executive Board Members
SUBJECT : COMSEC/EMSEC Technical Policy

1. As the offensive and defensive technologies of COMSEC/EMSEC have rapidly grown over the past decade, OC has done a creditable job of rapidly developing policies and techniques to cope with new threats.
2. The shielded enclosure program, while expensive, has been invaluable in providing the degree of protection needed during a period when new equipment problems were being identified faster than countermeasures could be developed. At the same time, recognizing that enclosures are not always an acceptable answer, a wide-ranging program of individual equipment countermeasures has been carried forward that has also been invaluable but expensive.
3. The culmination of these two efforts often manifests itself as an installation of TEMPEST approved equipments within a shielded enclosure that leads one to conclude that the same problem has been solved twice in numerous instances. The economic and management considerations of such a situation are bothersome.
4. It is therefore requested that Chief, OC-CS, in coordination with Chiefs OC-E and OC-O conduct a review of current OC policies bearing on the technical problems of COMSEC and EMSEC. This review should have as its objective the development of policy recommendations that will allow OC to provide adequate COMSEC and EMSEC protection to plain text processing facilities by the most economic mix of equipment countermeasures and shielded enclosures.

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5. Chief, OC-CS should be prepared to present his findings and recommendations to the Executive Board at the Board's March meeting. Background material necessary to the Board's understanding of problem areas should be available to the Board one week in advance.

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Director of Communications

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